

# Growth Management Oversight Commission

April 27, 2006  
6:00 p.m.

Conference Room  
Ken Lee Building

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## MINUTES

**GMOC MEMBERS PRESENT:** Spethman      Garcia      Little  
Krogh      Waters      Arroyo

**GMOC MEMBERS ABSENT:** Moya; Tripp; Palma

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mark Stephens, GMOC Coordinator  
Rabbia Phillip, Recording Secretary

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Rudy Ramirez, Resident

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Spethman called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. The secretary called the roll and a motion to excuse the absent commissioners was made by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Little and passed.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the April 13, 2006 meeting were presented. Chairman Spethman moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Waters, and carried. Commissioners Arroyo and Garcia abstained because they were not in attendance at that meeting.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present at this time. (Mr. Rudy Ramirez arrived at about 7:30 p.m., and was allowed to make comments to the Commission following completion of the other agenda items.)

### 4. DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL REPORT

Mark Stephens asked the secretary to distribute initial draft materials for the 2006 GMOC Annual Report to be discussed. He stated that the format was based on the previous year's document, with a few modifications based upon suggestions at the prior GMOC meeting. The text will be revised and filled in as the issues are discussed, reviewed and agreed to by the commissioners.

Mark walked through the document and each topic was discussed with observations and recommendations made.

Under Fiscal, there were no additional recommendations from the group at this time.

Under Air Quality, some of the current City programs were added. Mark advised that he has requested from another staff member updated information on the City's policy on use of alternative fuel vehicles. Commissioner Krogh suggested that the report should only contain updated information from the previous year's report and the most important points. Commissioner Little suggested that the City promote alternative fueling facilities open to the public, and the Commission proposed the Auto Park as a location.

Under Sewer, the information states that the system generally looks good for the short term, but for the long term there are discussions and proposals for an increased treatment capacity allocation, which is reflected in this report.

Under Water, the Chairman suggested the Commission make recommendations for increased use of recycled water. Mark will add verbiage about proposing and supporting the use of recycled water for future development where feasible, including the potential in Western Chula Vista.

Under Libraries, Mark referred to the information that was sent out in the agenda packet in response to the GMOC's request from the last meeting to obtain more information on the hours of operation and the breakdown of use by branch. Commissioners expressed their appreciation for this information. Commissioner Krogh suggested the report should comment on the build-out capacity and that it may not be a fixed number.

Under Drainage, Mark touched on the points covered when City staff involved with drainage appeared before the GMOC. Commissioner Krogh requested that the Drainage Report mentioned be included in the summary of master plans and related documents previously discussed. He also requested that Mark ask about the due date of the report.

Under Parks and Recreation, there was a technical non-compliance for the 3 acres/thousand threshold as of June 30, 2005 due to a delay in completion of Veterans Park because of inclement weather last year. Commissioner Waters stated that if the threshold was not met at the time, then the report should so indicate. Chairman Spethman requested that the report address west side challenges, and that the new Harborside Park be acknowledged and other opportunities be focused upon. Commissioner

Krogh suggested that the report commend the City for putting the floating park symbol in the General Plan, and encourage expediency in making that a reality. The commissioners discussed the joint use of school recreational facilities, and asked that the text be revised to avoid the impression that school acreages should be counted toward the threshold. The commissioners discussed limitations on hours of operation and concerns regarding liability and maintenance.

Under Police, Commissioner Krogh suggested that in section 3.8.2 at the end of the first paragraph, the second to last sentence should be stricken and stronger language used to underscore concerns regarding Priority 2 calls. Parking lot security measures were also discussed.

Commissioner Waters made the general recommendation that words which soften or negate the serious comments which the Commission makes should be avoided. The other commissioners agreed that the overall tone of the report needed to be stronger.

Under Fire/EMS, it was noted that the response time threshold was met during the calendar year. Commissioner Krogh had requested additional information on the fiscal year data. The Commission asked Mark to contact the Fire Department to convey the request that they furnish this information as well as the report on performance by station as previously indicated. Under section 3.9.2, the recommendation should be: "That the Fire Department provide the GMOC with dispatch, turnout and travel time component as previously requested".

Under Traffic, the Commission had no changes for this year's report at this time.

Under Schools, Commissioner Krogh suggested that the GMOC update the information from last year's report, and commend the School District for starting to implement what was in the previous report on their Long Range Facilities Master Plan. Chairman Spethman noted that this section would be subject to next week's scheduled meeting with the Sweetwater Union High School District staff.

Commissioner Krogh asked what the status was regarding the Top to Bottom Review. Mark stated that most of the work has already been done with the proposed changes reviewed by the GMOC last year. What remains is to complete the draft ordinance and guidelines document, which should occur over the next month in conjunction with the Annual Report. Commissioner Krogh requested that information be provided as soon as feasible.

**5. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF COMMENT**

Mark informed the Commission that Commissioner Palma had intended to provide comments on Southwest Area issues at this meeting, but had to be away on family business.

Mark gave the dates for upcoming events of potential interest: the evening of May 3 for a Port of San Diego town-hall meeting on the South Bay Power Plant; April 29 for the dedication of Harborside Park; and May 20 for the dedication of Veterans' Park and Recreation Center. In response to a question from Commissioner Little, Mark will find out the time for the dedication of Veterans' Park.

The Chairman allowed Mr. Ramirez' request to make a public comment. Mr. Ramirez stated that he felt that the Boards and Commissions have historically not been given the recognition and close contact with the City Council that they should. He commended this Commission for their important work and suggested it would be a good thing for the GMOC to meet with the Council a couple of times each year. This would keep them informed and advised if they were not getting the response needed.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

This is scheduled to May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Ken Lee Building, 430 F Street. The Sweetwater Union High School District representatives will address the commission at that time.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman moved to adjourn at approximately 8:05 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Garcia and approved unanimously.

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Rabbia Phillip  
Secretary

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Mark Stephens  
Growth Management Coordinator